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NAVAL HOSPITAL CAMP LEJEUNE SURVEYED BY JOINT COMMISSION

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. - Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune (NHCL) underwent a thorough five day inspection by the Joint Commission July 11-15. Inspection surveyors noted the evident culture of safety and quality of care throughout the hospital.

The Joint Commission is a nationally recognized health care accreditation organization that emphasizes quality and safety. Five surveyors examined all aspects of health care based on the hospital's practices; policies and procedures; hospital management; training and education of staff and patients; and the continuum of care. The surveyors were extremely complimentary after their survey.

"We have an outstanding staff that provides safe, high quality health care to our beneficiaries," said Capt. Daniel Zinder, commanding officer, NHCL. "To have a group of experienced inspectors examine us under the microscope, and tell us they agree with what we are doing is very validating."

The Joint Commission is an independent, non-profit organization. It is the United States largest and oldest health care accrediting agency whose primary mission is to continually improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public. They evaluate and accredit approximately 19,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States.

NHCL first opened its doors in May 1942 at its previous location, building H-1 located along hospital point. The facility moved into the current location on Brewster Blvd. in May 1983. The hospital is one of Navy medicine's oldest medical treatment facilities.

"I could not be more pleased with the team effort by our staff, and this inspection tells us we maintain the highest national standards of patient safety and quality across the spectrum," noted Zinder. "We will continue to maintain that culture, always looking to increase the margin of safety and improve the experience for our patients."

NHCL and its branch clinics have a staff of nearly 2,500 active duty, civil service, contract personnel, reservists and Red Cross volunteers. In 2010, the hospital delivered 2,138 babies and the pharmacy filled 953,387 outpatient prescriptions. It serves an active duty population of more than 40,000 and serves approximately 120,000 total beneficiaries including: active duty, retired service members and their families.